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Nanotechnology Manufacturers' Forum Returns For Nano Week™ 2006

Forum will focus on nanotechnology applications in manufacturing

CLEVELAND (August 17, 2006)— The Lorain County Manufacturing Council (LCMC) today announced the 2nd Annual Nanotechnology Manufacturers' Forum, a one-day event designed to encourage collaboration between nanotechnology experts and traditional manufacturers, will be held on October 4 at the Spitzer Conference Center on the Lorain County Community College campus (1005 North Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio) from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. This forum will be one in a series of events scheduled for Nano Week™ 2006, is a five-day exploration of how nanotechnology is changing our world.

The Nanotechnology Manufacturers' Forum made its debut during Nano Week 2005. In 2006, the forum will continue to focus on how nanotechnology can help traditional manufacturers develop more efficient ways to make and enhance products through application of the small science.

"This forum presents an excellent learning opportunity for the manufacturer who wants to understand how nanotechnology can improve their business," said John Butkowski, President of the LCMC. He continued, "our goal is to facilitate interaction between nanotechnology developers and companies that want to improve their businesses through the use of nanotechnology."

The forum is directed to representatives of manufacturing companies, including those who hold senior technical positions; business executives; marketing and sales representatives; entrepreneurs; policy makers and economic development leaders. Those who attend will gain an understanding of nanotechnology, learn how to make product and process improvements, and generate new market opportunities.

Speakers for the forum are invited executives from companies and organizations leading the commercialization of nanotechnology.

“This forum will allow traditional manufacturing companies an opportunity to learn how to incorporate nanotechnology into their manufacturing processes and gain a competitive edge in their industry,” said Chris Mather, Executive Director of the Nano-Network and Vice President of NorTech.

The Nanotechnology Manufacturers’ Forum is being sponsored by the Lorain County Manufacturing Council, Lorain County Community College, the Manufacturing Advocacy Growth Network (MAGNET), Lorain County College Tech Prep Consortium, JumpStart, the Nano-Network, and NorTech.

Registration for the event is as follows: \$65 Non-Members, \$50 Nano-Network and LCMC Members, and \$30 Faculty and College Students. To register to attend this event, visit: <http://www.jumpstartinc.org/JSEExchange/EventDetail.aspx?EventID=186>. The deadline for registration is September 27.

For more information about sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities, please contact John Butkowski at (440) 366-4049 or John.Butkowski@rhenium.com. For more information about Nano Week 2006, please visit www.nano-network.org

About the Lorain County Manufacturing Council

The LCMC is a non-profit organization focused on retaining and growing manufacturing in Lorain County. It serves as a vehicle to disseminate new manufacturing technologies, identify new products and services that will generate revenue, and expand manufacturing capabilities in the region. For more information about the Nanotechnology Manufacturers’ Forum, please visit, www.nano-network.org

About the Nano-Network

The Nano-Network, a consortium of nanotechnology-minded scientists, entrepreneurs and supporting agencies in Northeast Ohio, and NorTech, the Northeast Ohio Technology Coalition, which is leading the development of a technology-driven economy in Northeast Ohio are the driving forces behind Nano Week. For more information on Nano Week, visit www.nano-network.org. For more information on NorTech, visit www.nortech.org.

About MAGNET:

MAGNET is the Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network. Its mission is to support, educate and champion Northeast Ohio manufacturing with the goal of transforming the region’s economy into a powerful, global player. For more information, visit www.magnetnetwork.org